DEFINITIONS OF C.I.P. TERMS

Calibration - Calibrage

The whole series of operations which establish, under specified conditions, the relationship between the indicated values given by an instrument or measuring system and the corresponding values recorded by a standard calibrated instrument (reference standard).

Calibration Centre - Centre de calibrage

A site for the calibration and checking of instruments which may be located within the Approved National Body or in an Approved Metrology Laboratory.

Calibration curve - Courbe d'étalonnage

A straight line derived from points measured during calibration as the line of "least squares".

Calibration range - Domaine d'étalonnage

The field or range of measurement values over which calibration is carried out.

Cartridge - Cartouche

A means to fire a propellant charge by means of a percussion device, with or without a projectile, all contained in a case.

Cattle killer (humane killer) - Appareil d'abattage

An explosive device used to kill an animal by driving a lethal component part into its brain. The lethal component (captive bolt) must remain integral to the tool.

Certificate - Certificat

A document issued by the Approved National Body attesting that a small arm or commercial cartridges are compliant with C.I.P. decisions.

Certification - Certification

The procedure by which an Approved National Body gives a written assurance that a small arm or commercial cartridges are compliant with C.I.P. decisions.

Charge amplifier - Amplificateur de charge

An element in the measurement installation with characteristics so designed as to convert the signal provided by the piezo electric transducer into a voltage.

The term likewise used of "Measurement Amplifier" is also covered by this definition.

C.I.P. decision - Décision de la C.I.P.

The outcome of a C.I.P. vote which becomes compulsory if, within a six month period from the date of notification through diplomatic channels to the Governments of the Member States, no Member State records an objection or declares reservations.
C.I.P. recommendation - Recommandation de la CIP

The result of a C.I.P. vote, which is not subject to notification through diplomatic channels. It may serve as a guide and for technical advice for Member States.

Commercial cartridge - Cartouche de commerce

A cartridge put on the open market, which must comply with C.I.P. regulations. The following are excluded from this definition:
- proof cartridges used by the Competent National Authority or a manufacturer;
- experimental cartridges of a new type;
- cartridges loaded or re-loaded in small quantities for personal use.

The term likewise used of "Commercial Ammunition" is covered by this definition.

Competent National Authority - Autorité nationale compétente

The Authority in a Member State which takes responsibility, within its own territory, for ensuring compliance with C.I.P. decisions in force.

The terms likewise used of "Recognised Authority", "Competent Official Body", "Official Services", are covered by this definition.

Compliance or conformity - Conformité

The fact that a small arm or its cartridges comply with C.I.P. decisions.

Conciliation Committee - Commission de Conciliation

A committee formed at the request of a Member State to clarify matters in dispute regarding the interpretation or application of a technical point of order laid down as a C.I.P. decision.

Conformal Piston - Piston conformal

A piston with the same curvature as the interior of the chamber used for measuring, by the crusher method, the pressures of rim fire cartridges of calibre 22 LR and 22 Short.

Convention - Convention

The Convention of 1 July 1969 for the reciprocal recognition of official proof marks for small arms.

Corrective action - Action corrective

Action taken to eliminate the causes of a non compliance, non conformity, or defect or any other undesirable event in order to prevent its reoccurrence.

Crusher - Crusher

A copper cylinder having well defined dimensions that, on being crushed under gas pressure, provides a measure of this pressure.